LYME REGIS
BOROUGH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND THE

Public Health Inspector

for the Year

1965

Tel. No. Bridport. 2385/6.

Health Centre,
North Allington,
Bridport.

August, 1965.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen, and
Councillors of the Borough of Lyme Regis.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1965.

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The shared appointment, with Bridport Rural District Council, of an additional public health inspector has allowed more time to be devoted to public health work. A further important step taken during the year has been the joint appointment of a pupil public health inspector by all the District Councils in West Dorset.

I must express my thanks to the members and officers of the Council for the co-operation, consideration and help I have received during the past year. I am also grateful to Mr. Kennaugh, and Mr. Bolt for their assistance in preparing this report.

Your obedient servant,

John G Menzies

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Chairman. — Alderman R. Oliver.

Vice Chairman. — Councillor R.J. Childs.

Councillor C.H. Brazier. — Councillor I.E. Nuttall.

Councillor R.R. Brooks-Ball. — Councillor G.R. Upjohn.

Councillor V.J. Homyer.

Ex officio Councillor F.D. Fortnam (Mayor)

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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health.....John G. Meadows, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H..

Also Medical Officer of Health for Bridport Borough Council and Bridport and Beaminster Rural District Councils, and Senior Assistant County Medical Officer. 5/11 of time allocated to Dorset County Council and 6/11 shared between the four District Councils.

Public Health Inspector and Surveyor..... Ian D. Kennaugh, M.R.S.H..
Additional Public Health Inspector..... K.S. Bolt (part-time) commenced 8/3/65.
Pupil Public Health Inspector.... R. Singleton (joint appointment) 13/9/65.
Clerk to the Medical Officer..... Miss B.E. Lawrence.

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STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres.	1,237
Registrar General's estimate of population ..	3,330
No. of inhabited houses (according to the Rate Books as at end of 1965)	1,285
Rateable Value	£151,158
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£602

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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Area Comparability Factor. Births - 1.41 Deaths - 0.72

This is worked out for each District by the Registrar General. Its object is to level out differences in the area and sex constitution of the populations of the various Districts and its use allows statistical comparison to be made between different areas.

Live Births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Registered.....	21	22	43
Legitimate.....	21	21	42
Illegitimate.....	0	1	1

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population :- Crude 12.9 Corrected 18.2

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births :- 2.3

Still Births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Registered.....	0	0	0

Still-birth Rate per 1,000 live and still-births :- 0

Total Live and Still Births.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Registered.	21	22	43

Deaths (all ages)	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Registered.	29	25	54

Death Rate per 1,000 population :- Crude 16.2 Corrected 11.7

Deaths of Infants.

	Males.			Females.		
	Legit.	Illegit.	Total.	Legit.	Illegit.	Total.
Under 1 year of age..	0	0	0	0	0	0
Under 4 weeks of age.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Under 1 week of age.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Infant Mortality Rates.

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births..... 0
Legitimate " " " legitimate live births..... 0
Illegitimate " " " illegitimate live births..... 0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)..... 0
Early Neo-natal " " (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)..... 0
Perinatal " " (still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births)..... 0

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths..... 0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births..... 0

OTHER VITAL STATISTICS.

	1930	1940	1950	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
Population	2394	3212	3036	3510	3510	3470	3330	3330
Rateable Value	£19911	£25771	£26853	£55083	£55298	£138210	£140364	£151158
Estimated Produce of a Penny Rate	£78	£98	£106	£217	£220	£530	£546	£602
BIRTHS.								
Live Births	27	43	35	56	38	32	35	43
Legitimate	27	41	30	55	35	30	32	42
Illegitimate	0	2	5	1	3	2	3	1
Still Births	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	0
Live Birth Rate (crude)	[illegible]3	13.9	11.4	15.9	10.8	9.2	10.5	12.9
Live Birth Rate (corrected)	N.A.	N.A.	12.4	16.7	11.4	13.0	14.8	18.2
Live Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales)	16.3	14.6	15.8	17.4	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.1
Still Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales)	41	37	23	18.7	18.1	17.3	16.3	15.7
DEATHS.								
Total Deaths	24	56	40	55	64	60	53	54
Death Rate (crude)	10.0	13.6	13.1	15.7	18.2	17.3	15.0	16.2
Death Rate (corrected)	N.A.	N.A.	9.4	13.5	15.7	12.6	11.0	11.7
Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	11.4	14.3	11.6	12.0	11.9	12.2	11.3	11.5
INFANT MORTALITY.								
Deaths under 1 year	1	4	0	0	1	1	0	0
Infantile Death Rate	37	87	0	0	26.3	31.3	0	0
Infantile Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	60	55	29.8	21.4	20.7	20.9	20.0	19.0
Neonatal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	[illegible]	[illegible]	19	15.5	15.1	14.2	13.8	13.0
MATERNAL MORTALITY.								
Maternal Deaths	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Maternal Death Rate	0	0	0	0	0	0	27.0	0
Maternal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	3.9	2.2	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3

Causes of Death at different periods of life.
Registrar General's Official Return.

Causes of Death.

No.		Totals.
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	2.
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	3.
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	6.
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system.	10.
18.	Coronary disease, angina.	7.
19.	Hypertension with heart disease.	1.
20.	Other heart disease.	5.
21.	Other circulatory disease.	5.
23.	Pneumonia.	5.
24.	Bronchitis.	1.
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	1.
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate.	1.
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	6.
35.	Suicide.	1.
		54.

Where a cause of death and code number is omitted there have been no deaths from this cause.

Causes of Death at different periods of life.
Registrar General's Official Return.

	Total all ages.		Under 4 weeks.		4 weeks and under 1 year.		1-		5-		15-		25-		35-		45-		55-		65-		75 & over	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 10.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
11.	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
14.	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	2
17.	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	2	3
18.	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2	-	2
19.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
20.	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1
21.	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	2
23.	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	1
24.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
27.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
29.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
32.	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	3
35.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Totals:	29	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	7	3	7	8	12	14

* Numbers refer to causes of death listed on opposite page.

Causes of Death at different periods of life
Registrar General's Official Return.

WEST DORSET.

Conbined figures for Bridport and Lyme Regis Borough and Bridport and Beaminster Rural Districts.

		Total (all ages)
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory.	1
2.	Tuberculosis, other.	0
3.	Syphilitic Disease.	1
4.	Diphtheria.	0
5.	Whooping Cough.	0
6.	Meningococcal infections.	0
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis.	0
8.	Measles.	0
9.	Other infective & parasitic diseases.	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	8
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	13
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast.	9
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	2
14.	Other Malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms.	35
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	2
16.	Diabetes.	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system.	66
18.	Coronary disease, angina.	81
19.	Hypertension with heart disease.	4
20.	Other heart disease.	44
21.	Other circulatory disease.	25
22.	Influenza.	0
23.	Pneumonia.	19
24.	Bronchitis.	12
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system.	0
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	2
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	4
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis.	3
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate.	5
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	0
31.	Congenital malformations.	0
32.	Other defined & ill defined diseases.	34
33.	Motor vehicle accidents.	2
34.	All other accidents.	5
35.	Suicide.	4
36.	Homicide and operations of war.	0
	Total.	383

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The number of cases of Infectious Diseases notified during 1965 showed a small increase over 1964. This was accounted for by an outbreak of scarlet fever.

Infectious Diseases notified during 1965.

DISEASES.	Total.	Under 1 year.	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Erysipelas.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Measles.....	14	-	1	3	3	2	3	-	1	1	-	-
Pneumonia.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever..	35	-	1	-	6	-	16	11	1	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	15	3	-	1	2	-	8	1	-	-	-	-
Total.....	66	3	2	4	11	2	27	13	2	1	1	-

Quarterly Notifications 1965.

DISEASES.	Total.	1st. Qrt.	2nd. Qrt.	3rd. Qrt.	4th. Qrt.
Erysipelas....	1	-	1	-	-
Measles.....	14	4	3	7	-
Pneumonia.....	1	-	-	1	-
Scarlet Fever.	35	15	12	6	2
Whooping Cough.	15	-	-	15	-
Total.....	66	19	16	29	2

Infectious Disease Notifications for Comparison.

	1937	1940	1950	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
Diphtheria.....	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas.....	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Scarlet Fever.....	1	-	-	1	1	6	4	35
Food Poisoning.....	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-
Meningococcal Infection.....	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.....	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.....	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	-	-	2	3	5	11	8	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	1	-	2	2	1	-	-	-
Non-Pul. Tuberculosis.....	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Measles.....	-	23	104	10	7	179	38	14
Whooping Cough.....	-	51	15	20	-	2	-	15
Total.....	6	78	123	40	14	202	50	66

Tuberculosis.

There have been no cases of Tuberculosis notified during the last two years or deaths from this cause.

The number of cases on the register continues to decline.

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register.

	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Total cases on Register at end of 1964.	3	4	-	2
New cases notified during 1965.	-	-	-	-
Cases from other areas who have come to live in the District.	-	-	-	-
Removals from Distruct into other areas.	-	-	-	-
Removed from Register as Non-Tubercular.	-	-	-	-
Removed from Register - Cured.	3	-	-	-
Deaths during 1965.	-	-	-	-
Total on Register at end of 1965.	-	4	-	2

Average yearly incidence.

	New Cases.		Deaths.	
	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.
1940 - 1949	1.6	0.4	0.6	0
1950 - 1959	1.5	0.2	0.2	0
1960 - 1964	0.8	0.2	0	0

Total cases on the Tuberculosis Register Pulmonary & Non-Pulmonary.

	Cases.		Cases.
1946.	11	1955.	14
1947.	12	1956.	10
1948.	15	1957.	10
1949.	12	1958.	10
1950.	12	1959.	8
1951.	16	1960.	11
1952.	20	1961.	11
1953.	18	1962.	9
1954.	17	1963.	10
		1964.	9
		1965.	6

Immunisation.

This is the responsibility of the Dorset County Council and either carried out by the family doctor or at the Health Centre.

The following table shows the number immunised.

P = Prinary dose. R = Reinforcing dose.

POLIOMYELITIS.				DIPHTHERIA.		TETANUS.		WHOOPING COUGH.		SMALLPOX.	
ORAL.		SALK.									
Basic course.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.
30	27	0	0	26	28	32	40	25	10	27	5

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HOUSING.

No new houses were constructed by the Council, but 14 were built by private enterprise, and consequent to conversion works 6 additional units of accommodation were provided but two units were lost by redevelopment.

There were 68 applicants on the waiting list for housing at the end of the year.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

No. inspected for housing defects	16.
No. of inspections	23.
No. found to be in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or dangerous and unfit for human habitation	3.
No. of Informal Notices served	3.
No. of Informal Notices complied with	3.
No. of Statutory Notices served	3.
No. of Statutory Notices complied with	3.
No. of Closing Orders made	2.
No. of houses demolished (voluntarily by owner)	0.
No. of undertakings accepted	1.

No. of new houses in course of construction :-

(a) By Local Authority	Nil.
(b) By Private Enterprise	14.

Slum Clearance.

Two Closing Orders made - 11 and 12 Sherborne Lane.

One undertaking accepted - house in Church Street.

In addition 5 houses were extensively repaired or reconstructed.

Certificates of Disrepair.

Applications made.....Nil.
Certificates issued.....Nil.

Improvement Grants.

Discretionary. Works on one premises outstanding from 1964 were completed during the year and a grant paid of £186.

Standard. Three applications from the previous year were completed. The total grants paid were £342 and all five amenities were provided in each case. During the year two applications were received and approved and work to both completed; a grant of £310 being paid

Post War Houses.

Completed by :-
(a) Local Authority 205 (b) Ministry (Prefabs) 10 ..... 215.
(c) Private Enterprise (Houses 217 Flats 58)..... 275.
No. of houses owned by Local Authority..... 357.

WATER SUPPLY.

Lyme Regis obtains its water supply from the East Devon Water Board. The Hartstongue spring, Pinnay, has a capacity of 500,000 gallons per day, and there is a 500,000 gallon reservoir at Rousden providing additional storage for the area.

In addition to guard against interuption in supplies through landslips at the Pinhay source 120,000 gallons per day can be abstracted from the River Axe.

Analyses.

75 samples from springs, mains and household taps were taken and all were reported as satisfactory.

Chemical Water Analyses. (Results in Parts Per Million)

Copy of a Report from the Counties Public Health Laboratories, London. 5/8/64.

On a sample of water sent by the East Devon Water Board taken from the sump, Pumping Station, Pinhay.

Appearance	Clear and bright.	Turbidity	Nil.
Colour	Nil.	Odour	Nil.
pH.	7.3	Free Carbon Dioxide	22.
Electric Conductivity	510.	Dissolved Solids dried at 180 c	350.
Chlorine present as Chloride.	32.	Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate.	225.
Hardness; Total	265. Carbonate 225.	Non-Carbonate	40.
Nitrate Nitrogen	3.6	Nitrite Nitrogen	Absent.
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	0.00	Oxygen Absorbed	0.00
Albuminoid Nitrogen.	0.00	Residual Chlorine	Absent.
Iron, Zinc, Copper	Absent.	Lead, Manganese	Absent.

From the aspect of the chemical analysis, these results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

Rainfall.	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
January.	4.48	3.18	3.71	5.87	4.07	5.32	5.32	0.89	0.80	4.47
February.	0.10	4.37	4.02	0.49	4.17	4.09	0.61	2.01	1.37	0.10
March.	0.92	3.27	2.09	3.94	2.49	0.06	2.29	5.16	5.44	3.35
April.	0.92	0.14	0.86	2.72	2.15	4.73	1.92	4.52	2.46	0.95
May.	1.19	1.80	3.26	1.01	2.17	1.26	2.12	2.31	3.28	2.22
June.	2.49	2.46	2.74	1.15	1.46	0.62	0.14	1.83	1.25	2.68
July.	2.14	3.51	2.66	2.11	3.84	1.03	1.89	1.79	0.69	4.01
August.	6.58	2.08	3.60	1.90	5.61	3.45	4.51	4.22	0.82	4.11
September.	3.13	3.57	3.13	0.10	6.60	2.57	3.77	2.66	1.28	3.26
October.	2.18	3.12	5.13	3.34	10.60	4.67	3.70	3.10	3.84	0.98
November.	1.03	2.43	3.26	5.96	5.07	1.91	1.55	6.62	2.48	4.58
December.	5.55	3.38	6.29	7.58	3.99	4.54	2.63	2.85	3.86	5.80
Total.	30.71	33.31	42.75	36.67	52.22	34.25	30.45	37.96	27.57	36.51

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The developed areas of the town are on the water borne carriage system, largely combined soil and surface, with the exception of the post war housing estate which is on the separate system, and all new properties, where practicable, are now being dealt with on the latter system. One small area, Ware Lane, is dealt with by a septic tank and filter. The Council's seasonal Monmouth Beach area has part water borne system and part Elsan, the latter being collected twice weekly. During the year the former R.A.F. recreation building was purchased and a scheme prepared to provide toilets, showers and washing facilities for both sexes, this block is expected to be in use in 1966 and will result in the removal of the existing pail closets.

Over two thirds of the drainage of the Town is received and discharged into the sea below low water mark by the Eastern Outfall (18" cast iron sewer) across Broad Ledge, installed in 1900.

The Cobb area is dealt with by a 9" sewer discharging into a 12" cast iron sewer carried out beyond low water mark west of the Cobb. The 9" portion of this sewer, is situated in the movement area of the Cobb Road, and requires constant attention.

Public Lavatories.

Accommodation is provided for both sexes in six blocks at the Square, Marine Parade, Cobb Harbour, Monmouth Beach, Holmbush car park, one small block for men at the Victoria Pier, and also a small block at the Monmouth Beach for the use of the Sandboy Huts and a further block for the use of the caravans.

Pollutuon of Rivers.

No serious pollution occurs in the river Lym during its course through the Borough.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

No nuisances were reported during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Meat Inspection.

There is no slaughterhouse in the Borough, the retailers obtaining their meat outside the district.

(1) Food Premises by Type.

There are 151 food premises as follows :-

Bakers	3.	Fried Fish shop	1.
Butchers	4.	Ice cream	23
Fishmongers	5.	Dairies	2.
Grocers	17.	Public Houses	14.
Greengrocers	6.	Poulterers	4.
Confectioners	6.	Kiosks	3.
Restaurants & Cafes	21.	School canteens	2.
Hotels	21.	Private Hotels	19.

(2) Food Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act. 1955.

Manufacture, storage and sale of ice cream	23.
Preparation or manufacture of sausages, or potted pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale	3.

Food Hygiene Visits.

All food premises were systematically inspected during the year and the general standard of food hygiene was found to be satisfactory with a few exceptions. It was not found necessary to have recourse to legal action in any instance, however as a result of informal action several kitchens and food preparation rooms were improved.

Visits	370.
Informal Notices served	103.
Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act. 1955	26.
Swabs taken of food premises	151.
Food samples taken for bacteriological examination	9.

Condemnation of Food.

During the year the following foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

Tinned meat	111 lbs. 9 ozs.	Meat	3 lbs. 8 ozs.
" fruit	81 lbs 11 ozs.		

Milk Supply.

Since 1961 the responsibility for the issue of licences for the use of special designation in connection with milk was transferred from the Council to the Dorset County Council under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963. The County Council however, have continued to keep this Council informed of the number of samples taken. 11 samples were taken 10 passed and 1 failed the prescribed test.

6 Dealers' Licences to sell pre-packed milk were issued.

Ice Cream.

No. of premises on the register for the :-
(a) Manufacture of ice cream..... 2.
(b) Storage and sale of ice cream.....21.
No. of ice cream premises inspected.....23.
No. of inspections.....59.
No. of notices served.....12.

24 samples were taken for analyses, Grade 1 - 19, Grade 2 - 4, and Grade 3 - 1.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act.

In general the working conditions are found in old established professional offices and in some of the larger local retail shops, but there are, of course, exceptions to this. Conversely, as might be expected, the larger multiples provide the best facilities for their employees, but even this is not without exception.

Although there has been occasional opposition from employers and owners when they have been required to provide some of the more expensive facilities, such as running hot water and improved lighting, they have carried out most of the requirements readily.

No serious accidents were reported but it is probable that the need to report all accidents occurring on registered premises which result in the employees being away from work for more than three days is not as well known as might be wished. Accident prevention could be an important result of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act.

Visits..... 306.
General inspections..... 87.
First inspections..... 27.
Contravention letters..... 68.
Registered premises..... 88.

Health Education.

A film show on Food Hygiene was held in October at the Royal Lion Hotel. It was attended by 47 food traders including shopkeepers, hoteliers and restaurateurs.

The four films which were shown were well received and several people asked for a similar show to be organised in 1966.

PETROLEUM SPIRIT.
Petroleum (Consolidation) Act. 1928.
Petroleum (Regulation) Acts. 1928 and 1936.

No.of licences granted	2.
No.of inspections	5.
Total petrol storage licences	7,000 galls.
Notices served	Nil.

RODENT CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF VERMIN.

No full-time Rodent Operator is employed. One of the Council's workmen, who has attended training courses, deals with the Council's drains, sewers, refuse tip and premises, and also private premises on receipt of complaints.

No. of properties inspected	274.
No. of properties treated	26.
Infestations found, Rats; (Minor)	18.
Infestations found, Mice; (Minor)	8.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

A weekly collection is made of household and trade refuse by one lorry, and in the summer additional collections are made in the business areas of the town as required. The refuse is disposed of at a tip on the cliffs east of the town. All main streets are swept daily. Gullies are cleared on the Borough roads by the Council and on Classified roads by the County Council. Litter baskets are provided in parts of the town and beaches.

CAMPING SITES.

There is one well maintained camping ground of 7½ acres situated on the hill to the north of the Town, with 200 caravan sites licenced for summer use only and winter storage. The site has main drainage and water supply.

On the Monmouth Beach, owned by the Council, there exists a collection of day huts, caravans and chalets for summer use only. Water is supplied by standpipes at various points. On the same beach the Council own and let 28 residential chalets for seasonal letting. These are laid on concrete foundations with asphalt in three terraces around walled-in-lawns. Each chalet has an independent water supply, electric lighting and cooking, food cupboard, trapped sink, and drainage connected to the public sewer system. Lavatory accommodation is provided at the rear in a separate block of buildings and drains to the public sewer.

On the Monmouth Plateau there are 19 caravans each with a gully connected to the sewer, a standpipe for water supply for every pair and a block of toilets.

SWIMMING FACILITIES.

There is no indoor swimming bath. Bathing takes place in the sea during the season from all beaches and dressing accommodation is available from huts and tents on the main beach.

SCHOOLS.

These are inspected regularly; all have piped water, water closets and washing facilities.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT. 1948.
Section 47, Removal of Persons in need of Care and Attention to suitable premises.

This Act makes provision for compulsory removal of persons in need of care and attention from their own home to hospital or other suitable accommodation. Such persons have to be suffering from grave chronic illness or, being aged, infirm or physically incapacitated, are living in insanitary conditions and are unable to devote to themselves, or receive from others proper care and attention.

Several old persons living in the district were brought to my attention and therefore visited, but no formal action was taken.

Although the conditions under which they live are often appalling one is reluctant to take action knowing that the result may cause the early death of an old person unable to adjust to the change from their own home to unfamiliar surroundings. The main criteria for taking action should be that there is a danger to other people.

ALLOCATION OF VISITS BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Surface water drains	blocked/repaired .. 45.	Advice on drains & sewers..... 41.
" " "	inspections.....223.	" " pests & rodents..... 9.
" " "	colour tests..... 33.	Rodent survey..... 7.
Drains -	inspections.....104.	Factory inspections..... 3.
"	water tests..... 26.	Contravention letters..... 1.
"	smoke tests..... 13.	Septic tanks cleansed/emptied.... 2.
"	colour tests..... 36.	House inspections..... 16.
"	blocked/repaired... 39.	Infectious disease inquiries..... 62.
"	renewed..... 1.	Committees attended.....165.
Sewers -	inspections.....132.	Interviews.....940.
"	connections..... 9.	Other inspections.....1165.
"	colour tests..... 17.	Buildings inspected..... 309.
"	smoke tests..... 5.	Food premises..... 27.
"	blocked/repaired... 14.	
"	water test..... 4.	
"	outfalls..... 55.	

LYME REGIS RIPARIAN LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Nil report. (on advice of the Ministry of Health 4/4/63)

FACTORIES ACT. 1961.

FACTORIES ON THE COUNCIL'S REGISTER AND DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS MADE.

Premises.	Number on Register.	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	21	7	-	-
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities.	3	-	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities (excluding outworkers' premises)	14	10	-	-
Total.	38	17	-	-

FACTORIES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars.	Found.	Remedied.	Referred To H.M. Inspector.	Referred By H.M. Inspector.	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding.	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-	-	..	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	1	1	-	1	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	2	2	-	1	-

FACTORIES ACT 1961 continued.

OUTWORK.	Section 133			Section 134.		
Nature of Work.	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec. 133 (1) (c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
Wearing apparel.	2	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	2	-	-	-	-	-

CLINICS HELD AT HEALTH CENTRE BRIDPORT.

MONDAYS.

Moral Welfare Worker.	Every Monday.
Foot Clinic (Elderly Persons)	Monday mornings (appointment)
Relaxation Classes.	Monday afternoons.

TUESDAYS.

Foot Clinic (Elderly persons)	Tuesday all day (appointment)
Probation Officer.	Tuesday evenings.
Family Advice Bureau.	Tuesday afternoon.

WEDNESDAYS.

Youth Employment.	Wednesday afternoons 2-5
Hearing Assessment.	every 3rd. Wednesday morning in the month (appointment)
Child Guidance.	Alternate Wednesdays (appointment)

THURSDAYS.

Family Planning.	1st. & 3rd. Thursdays in the month. 2-30 - 4-30 p.m.
Cervical Cytology clinic.	2nd. Thursday in the month 10 - 11 a.m. (appointment) 4th. Thursday in the month 10- 11 a.m. open session.

FRIDAYS.

Speech Therapy.	Friday mornings (appointment)
Child Welfare Clinic.	2nd. & 4th. Friday in the month. Dr. in attendance.

Other clinics are held at :-

BEAMINSTER.	Infant Welfare.	Welfare Centre Hogshill St.,	2nd. & 4th. Thursday in the month. 2-4 pm. Dr. in attendance 2nd. Thursday.
	Foot Clinic (Elderly Persons)	"	First three Fridays in the month. 2-5 pm.
CHARMOUTH.	Infant Welfare.	Mobile Clinic. Lower Sea Lane.	4th. Monday in the month. 2-4 pm.
	Foot Clinic. (Elderly Persons)	W.I. Hall. Worsley Close.	Alternate Wednesdays 2 - 5 pm.
THORNCOMBE.	Infant Welfare.	Mobile Clinic. Village Hall Car Park.	4th. Tuesday in the month. 2-4 pm.